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TELEGRAPHIC.

WINNIPEG, April 13th, 1882.

Capt. E. Deville, Inspector of Dominion Land Surveys, says that arrangements have been made to extend the surveys westward to the Elbow of the South Branch, northward to the Touchwood Hills, and southward to Le Grand Coteau, comprising 500 townships, or 11,000,000 acres. In addition, a large tract owned by the C.P.R., 72 miles wide by 300 long, will be partially surveyed ready for subdividing into townships in the following season, in all 18,000 square miles for actual settlement. An additional 26,000 square miles will be subdivided into townships. It is intended to keep a large number of surveyors at work during next winter in the Edmonton District.

The Bill amending the act incorporating the Souris & Rocky Mountain Railway Co. has passed the House. The amendment allows them to build further north.

One thousand emigrants left London, England, on the sixth of April for Manitoba.

Correspondence requesting the dismissal or resignation of Captain E. D. Allen, Indian Agent at Fort Walsh, shows systematic frauds regarding the beef supplies for the department.

Junbo, the largest elephant in captivity was landed safely in New York on Friday. He has been lodged in Madison Square Garden.

It is rumored that the supplementary estimates include expenditures for the summary exploration of Hudson's Bay and Straits with a view to ascertaining the practicability of opening a new route between the North-West and Liverpool.

Material has been ordered for forty-five stations on the C.P.R.

As an offset to the Temperance Colonization company a deputation of the Licensed Victuallers' Association of Ontario has applied for a grant of North-West lands for colonization purposes.

Manitoba Legislature meets on the 27th inst.

The Red river is rising rapidly.

Pacific Railway Commission expenses so far amount to \$19,744.

Saskatchewan is to have a paper mill.

Rain here this evening.

BATTLEFORD, April 14th, 1882.

Mail leaves for Edmonton at seven o'clock this evening.

LOCAL.

Snow all gone.

Eggs and butter are still scarce.

Good attendance at the public school yet.

Snow at Victoria was a foot deep at last accounts.

The ice is not broken yet, but it is getting shakier.

Roads are good in town but elsewhere they are bad.

The prairie is being burned on the south side of the river.

Mr. H. BLEEKER has rented Oliver & McDonald's office for use as a law office.

J. LAKE, H. Fraser and Mr. Pruden's son left for Lac la Biche on Tuesday last.

W. MAJOR has bought Norman McKay's place on the south side, about a mile from the river, for \$100.

T. HENDERSON, of Little Mountain, sowed seven acres of wheat on Thursday. The ground was in first class order.

MESSRS. Cameron, McPherson and Williams got back from Lac la Biche on Thursday night last. Eight days on the round trip.

W. DRAPER brought his canoe down from Big Island on Friday. He kept in the current between the ice and the shore. He reports the ice broken in many places and the open water covered with ducks.

The census man has got through at Edmonton settlement proper, and will soon finish at Ft. Saskatchewan and Sturgeon river.

A slight change in the weather last Tuesday has delayed farming operations up to the present, but everything looks favorable now.

ADAM HOUSE and J. Anderson arrived at Fort Saskatchewan on Thursday last from Victoria, with furs for J. Haly. They used sleds.

WALTER is ferrying passengers across the river at the Fort. He has a boat at each side and passengers walk across the ice in the middle.

On Friday T. Smith paid the duty of 60 cts. per thousand on 302,000 shingles, being the total amount sawed by him during the last two seasons.

MR. J. BROWN, of Brown and Curry, has received a telegram stating that there will be five new boats placed on the Saskatchewan next summer.

The claim lately purchased by P. Heiminek from Dan Williams, on the south side of the river at Ft. Saskatchewan has been jumped by O. Derome. He has erected a shanty on it.

A. MACDONALD, of the firm of A. Macdonald & Co., and J. Scott Robertson arrived from Winnipeg on Thursday last, with their own conveyance. They left Winnipeg on the 7th of March, and as is usual in winter had a very tough trip.

The people of Prince Albert have offered a bonus of \$1,000 for the starting of a paper there. The offer has been accepted by Messrs. Carley and Costigan who will start a paper eight times the size of the BULLETIN, about the 1st of July.

The dispute lately existing between Rev. Dr. Newton, and Mrs. Col. Stewart regarding the claims around the Hermitage has been settled satisfactorily to both parties. Dr. Newton allows Mrs. Stewart to build at present on his pre-emption claim, she agreeing to give him an equal amount of land off her homestead.

THERE is a dispute between J. Halpenny and P. Heiminek about the ownership of the claim at Ft. Saskatchewan, purchased some time ago by Heiminek from Halpenny. It seems that Heiminek agreed to make the full payment for the place on the first of April. This he failed to do, so Mr. Halpenny proposes to retain possession, although Heiminek now offers to make the payment.

On Friday evening J.A. Macdougall sold the building and lot occupied by him for Villiers & Pearson to J. S. Robertson for \$3,400. The building was valued at \$2,200 and the lot at \$1,200. The lot has eighty feet frontage on Main Street, and extends to the river with a frontage on it of about 500 feet. The price of the lot is at the rate of \$15 a foot of Main Street frontage.

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Any parties indebted to the late James R. Harris are requested to call and settle the same, and any person having claims against his estate will please forward the same to the undersigned.

JOHN A. McDOUGALL, } Executors.
JOHN MURPHY, }

TENDERS.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned until the 15th day of April for the purchase of improvements and interest in the claim held by the late James R. Harris.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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Go to P. Heiminek's for

EIGHT-DAY CLOCKS.

GENERAL NEWS.

GREAT destitution in parts of Louisiana. CHOICE lots in Minnedosa are worth \$200. THERE is a real estate boom in Rat Portage. NELSONVILLE, Manitoba, has a population of 250.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE has a telephone exchange.

TRICKETT will try and arrange another match with Healan.

Small-pox is reported from New York, and also from Wisconsin.

AN Emerson club has been organized in that flourishing burgh.

The attempt to take the land grant from the Northern Pacific has failed.

SIR HUGH ALLAN is at the head of a million acre colonization company.

THE Irish land commissioners lately reduced the rent on a farm from £34 to £23.

THE Bank of Prince Edward Island will soon resume payment on a more solid basis.

THIRTY cent silver pieces of Dominion coinage are being withdrawn from circulation.

THE revenue of the Intercolonial railway was \$542 in excess of the expenses for the last year.

A COMPANY is being formed to operate the salt spring on the White Mud river in Manitoba.

RICHARD FULLER is the applicant for the charter of the Saskatchewan and Peace River Railway.

THE premier of Manitoba is on another begging expedition to Ottawa, on behalf of the province.

THE Holman English Opera Troupe of London, Ont., has been delighting the Winnipeggers lately.

THERE is to be no siding put on the C. P. R. at Grand Valley, the town which is in opposition to Brandon.

CANADA imported over \$6,000,000 worth of goods in December last and exported over \$5,000,000 worth.

THE trade in raw furs in Montreal this season is reported to be very small in comparison to that of other seasons.

THE number of people leaving Ontario for Manitoba is said to have a considerable effect on the retail trade in that province.

MANITOBA and the North-West has cost the Dominion so far \$30,400,481, of which \$17,524,100 are chargeable to the railway.

JOHN LEE sold 40 acres of land near De Winton station on the C. P. R. for \$16,000. This town is on the sand hills near McKinnon's.

THE farm wells near Nelsonville, Manitoba, are dry now and the cattle eat snow instead of drinking water, and are said to do well on it.

THE electoral district of Kootenay has fifteen registered voters and sends two members to the local legislature of British Columbia.

A TERRIBLE gale occurred lately in the State of Maine which blew bricks off chimneys and upset a delivery wagon breaking both the driver's legs.

THE railroads are changing the current of the Pembina Mountain trade from Emerson to Winnipeg. That is what Winnipeg bawled the roads for.

THE Great Western Railway runs weekly excursion trains from Hamilton to Winnipeg from March 1st until May 1st. From May 1st until July 1st the trains will be run twice a week.

THE total number of persons settled in Manitoba and the North-West last year was 25,614, of whom 21,514 went from the other provinces of Canada, and the balance from the United States and other countries.

IN the House of Commons at Ottawa, Mr. Ross moved for copies of all orders in council since the 1st of January 1878 relating to squatters on lands in the N. W. Territories. These will be of great interest to people here.

THE Winnipeg Water Works Company will get their supply of soap from the Assiniboine at Armstrong's Point, put it through a filtering apparatus and sell it to the residents of Winnipeg as water. Stock is at 5 per cent. premium.

THE farmers of Minnesota and Michigan have 20,000,000 bushels of wheat on hand yet.

THE Maxwell foundry of Paris, Ont., has sent 150 reapers, 25 mowers and 5 hay rakes to Odessa, Russia.

THE first ten miles of the Duluth and Winnipeg Railroad is graded, and seventy miles more is under contract.

THE Russian Nihilists announce that the coronation of the Czar appointed for the 25th of May will never take place.

THE Rugby colony in Tennessee has gone to smash. The majority of similar schemes in the North-West will do the same.

THERE are 75 churches in Toronto with a seating capacity of 50,000 and an attendance of 39,000. Total population, 86,500.

HEALAN has arranged to give an exhibition of his rowing powers on the Red river on the 1st of July next for a consideration of \$2,000.

THE Marquette Review complains of the lack of attention on the part of the C. P. R. officials to the comfort and convenience of passengers, and blames monopoly for it.

NOTWITHSTANDING the boom some of the Ottawa workmen have been besieging the Government for employment. It is not work so much as an easy living they are after.

THE salary of the Winnipeg Chief of Police has been increased to \$1,400, that of the sergeants to \$1,000, and the men to \$60 per month for the first year, \$70 per month the second year, and \$1,000 per annum after three years' service.

LAND in the vicinity of Archibald and Manitoba City in Southern Manitoba is selling at \$7,000 and \$8,000 per quarter section, according to the Free Press. The Nelsonville Mountaineer denounces both town sites as complete swindles.

THE Globe says that up to the end of February eleven associations had been formed in Canada and two in the old country for speculating in North-West lands, and besides nine North-West railway companies ask for charters and land grants.

APPLICATION is to be made to the Quebec Legislature for the incorporation of "The Great National Lottery of Quebec," to aid in the construction of churches and the colonization of lands. This looks like the Chapleau scheme in another form.

THE Saskatchewan Land Association of Winnipeg, is in a very flourishing condition, some of the stock having changed hands at a premium of 100 per cent. It has made a purchase of 300 acres near Rapid City for \$50,000. Stock will not be at such a premium in a few years.

THE Manitoba Free Press says that Mr. Bain, engineer of the Nelson Valley Railway and Transportation Company, left Winnipeg a little while ago for Norway House, where there is a population of some 600. It now transpires he had instructions to get all the men possible in that country and push on the construction of the road as far as possible in winter.

THE contract for the tunnel under the St. Lawrence, at Montreal, has been awarded to a syndicate represented by Mr. J. B. Bouillard. The price is \$3,908,000. It is to be 16,000 feet long, 23 feet high and 26 feet wide, and is to have a double track. The gradient from each side to the middle will be less than 105 feet to the mile. It is to be finished in three years.

AT Milltown, New Brunswick, some 25 or 30 of the crew employed on outside work at the Cotton Mill, are on a strike. The movement was caused by a reduction of wages. Some trouble occurred amongst the workmen lately which the local police were unable to control, but the force will be increased and arrests of the leaders are promised. No serious delay is anticipated. Besides the benefits of the N. P. this mill received a municipal bonus of \$30,000, but the wages of the builders were cut down to \$1.00 per day, which caused the strike. Hurrah for the N.P.

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Address—

MAJOR JAMES WALKER, Manager Bow River

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LOCAL.

Lumber is being got on the ground for a new BULLETIN office.

COLIN FRASER bought 60 acres of land from F. Howland for \$250.

OSBORNE & SMITH's scows are ready to launch as soon as the ice is gone.

HIBBERT will not run his mining machine this year until he can get steam power.

D. ROSS will erect a commodious billiard hall in connection with his hotel this summer.

AD. MCPHERSON's carts were crossed on the ice last Saturday to be ready for a start to Winnipeg.

E. CAREY and M. Maloney left for Winnipeg on Tuesday last. They crossed the river here on the ice.

MR. NICHOLSON of Sturgeon river, had a well bored last week, and got plenty of good water at thirty feet.

NORRIS & CAREY will erect a large building to be used as a store, on the H. B. Co. property, near K. A. McLeod's house.

THE Edmonton Water Works Company has suspended operations, and will now take the form of a land investment association.

A DUNLOP is getting material on the ground for the erection of a dwelling on his H. B. Co. lots, between the Methodist Church and the public school house.

ON Tuesday last sub-constables McNicol and Dandy arrested John Felix Cellihou, who shot W. J. O'Donnell's cow about two weeks ago, at his home near the Indian Farm, Riviere Qu'Barre. The preliminary examination was held at Edmonton on Wednesday evening, before Mr. Hardisty and Capt. Gagnon, J. P.; and resulted in the commitment of the prisoner for trial at the district court to be held here in June. He was in no way troubled about the matter, and seemed quite willing to admit that he had committed the deed. Two witnesses were brought in, Jean Baptiste and Michael Cellihou, who had heard him threaten to shoot the first government animal he saw, as he was hungry and the agent had refused to give any relief. They had not seen him do the shooting, but he had brought part of the meat to Michael's house to have it cooked. They would not allow it to be cooked there, but had helped to eat it after he had cooked it at his own house. The head, hide and part of the meat were found by the police on top of his house. During the examination he had to be cautioned several times not to criminate himself, and finally he said that he would not say anything more until he had some other half-breed, whom he mentioned, to speak for him. He is about 26 years of age, and from his appearance and dress would pass rather for a white man than an Indian. He speaks English, French and Cree.

SOUTH SIDE.

House warming at the new residence of Mr. Wm. Mavor, last Monday evening. Dancing commenced at 8 o'clock and was enjoyed by some twenty couples until 5.30 next morning.

Preparations for building are being vigorously prosecuted, 10 sets of house logs have been already taken out.

Among the principal buildings in this vicinity will be found the new church of St. Michael, to be erected this summer by the R. C. Mission on the property granted them by Mr. L. Carneau, opposite the fort.

Mr. Thos. Anderson intends erecting a commodious frame house, with all modern Edmonton improvements, to be used as a dwelling and a Crown Timber office. It will be situated on the flat below Walter's house.

The sweet song of the mosquito was heard in our genial clime last week, but after Tuesday's exhibition it would seem as if Jack Frost disputed supremacy.

The ice in the White Mud gave way a week ago, and caused the present overflow of water on the Saskatchewan.

Latest Pigeon Lake dispatches say: Ice still good, fishing season over for the present, Indians quiet, but very hungry--are rapidly migrating Edmontonwards to swell the volume of the soul stirring music of the tom-tom.

Messrs. Alweyn and Whitford left last Sunday for Peace Hills, with supplies of provisions for spring work, they reported the Black Mud crossing very bad.

Messrs. Larondelle, (three) left Tuesday for Ghost river, near Morleyville. One of the brothers intends squatting on the claim opposite Fort Calgary.

The Cochrane Rancho Co. will soon open their annual "circus" i. e., branding their cattle.

Mr. J. A. Macrae has purchased the farm of Henry Myers for \$500. We would suggest that it be used as a national aquarium.

Judging from the miles of fencing laid ready for erection our acreage will be tripled this season.

Grain for sale on this side is among the things that were.

Our population has been enhanced by the acquisition of ten, fine, healthy specimens of the genus moss-back.

Mr. Murdoch McLeod intends occupying the claim he purchased of Chas. Gauthier, next week.

Mr. Robert McKernan has succeeded in getting the claim adjoining that of his brother Jas. McKernan, on the river below Mill Creek, to which he will move next week.

A stranger would imagine that the 1st of May moving epidemic had struck the south siders. Tins, furniture, farming implements and olive branches may be seen wandering aimlessly about, evidently looking for a home.

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TELEGRAPHIC.

The following telegrams should have appeared in our last week's issue, but owing to the line being down they arrived too late for insertion:

WINNIPEG, April 5th, 1882.

Emigrants are coming in by thousands. Every available space is crowded. The old barracks at Ft. Osborne are thrown open and accommodation is still scarce. Trains to the west have relieved the city somewhat, but every train from the east brings fresh additions.

Five hundred men fought for fifteen minutes in Toronto to have their names entered on the stock books of the Ontario and Qu'Appelle Land Company. They overturned the tables and broke the plate glass windows. The police closed the meeting and held the books for fear the people would murder each other.

The steamer Golden City, of Memphis, has been burned. Thirty-five lives were lost.

The Gardner divorce case has been withdrawn.

It is rumored that the Dominion elections will take place on the 6th of June.

I. G. Baker & Co. have been awarded an enormous contract for furnishing forage, provisions and general subsistence to twelve Indian agencies and Mounted Police posts, including McLeod, Walsh, Wood Mountain, Qu'Appelle, Calgary, Battleford and Prince Albert. The contract amounts to \$450,000.

Cornelius J. Vanderbilt shot himself on Sunday. Cause, mental derangement.

Oxford won the University boat race easily.

Seven car loads of ready made harness has been shipped from Ontario to the North-West.

J. J. McHugh, inspector of farms at Fort McLeod, is bound west with thirty young farmers. It is intended they will instruct the Indians in agriculture.

Land company business is brisk. It is said that over 300 charters are applied for. Amongst them are the Fort Edmonton Land Company, capital, \$300,000; Qu'Appelle Farming Co.; \$500,000; Stewart Ranch Co., \$100,000; Ottawa and North-West Co., \$200,000.

An insane man named Shepherd hung himself on the Louise bridge lately.

Hanlan beat Boyd three lengths.

A mass meeting in New York has passed resolutions demanding the immediate liberation of American citizens in Irish jails.

Blake's suggestion that the temporalities fund be divided in proportion amongst the Presbyterian congregations existing at the time of the union, passed the House amid applause.

It is rumored that the Government intends dividing the North-West into four territorial districts each governed by a Lieutenant-Governor and Council appointed by the Dominion.

Edmonton mail has arrived.

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INDIANS?

So far, when a treaty was made with any band of Indians in the Saskatchewan many of the lower class of half-breeds in the vicinity, for the sake of the treaty money, caused themselves to be enrolled as Indians, the Government allowing this to be done as being an easy way of settling any claims these people might otherwise have put forward as half-breeds. As a present expedient the plan was very good but it seems likely to cause a great deal of trouble now, with a prospect of more in the future. These people, although they may live with the Indians and take the treaty money, and, although they are not whites, have not the same nature as the true Indian, and join the bands not because they do not know and cannot do any better, but because they think they can live easier in that way than by working honestly for their livings as they had always been obliged to do before. To give these men treaty money is simply putting a premium on laziness. They have, to a great extent, the grasping nature of a white man coupled with the indolence of the Indian, and these two qualities combined generally produce, if not a thief at least a dishonest man. To allow such men to join the bands gives them a chance to exercise an influence over the real Indians which must of necessity be anything but good. Instead of their superior intelligence being used to instruct and improve the Indians—to make them more industrious and independent—it is used to make them more dependent on the Government and more generally useless. These men are the lawyers of the bands and put the rest up to new dodges by which to get greater concessions from the Government. They joined the bands to get out of working and seem determined that neither they nor any of the others shall work if they can help it. It is uphill work to instruct, improve and civilize pure Indians, who have neither education nor religion, but it is far harder to deal with men who have both to a limited extent, but do not wish to exercise either.

Of this class, principally, are the Edmonton and Lac Ste. Anne bands of alleged Crees. Most members of the Edmonton band speak English and French as well as Cree and previous to the treaty considered themselves half-breeds and worked for their living like other people, but when the treaty was made and they saw an opportunity of getting a nice grant of valuable land and an annuity of \$5 apiece, they took the chance and since then have been a nuisance to both the Government officials and settlers in the neighborhood. At first they promised to take their reserve about ten miles away from the Fort on the White Mud, which was a very good place, but soon changed their minds and finding that all they had to do was to ask and they would receive, they concluded to demand it on the south side of the river directly opposite the Fort, although the claims along the river had been taken by other people for years. This was a little too much, however, and they altered the demand to a line within

three miles of the river. Even inside of those limits some claims were taken, and the Indians ordered the people off. A survey of the reserve in this location was finally commenced, but they did not think it was going to be large enough and stopped the work. Since then the land has been idle, neither they nor any one else being in possession. Besides all this they have drawn Government rations on all occasions when they could get them.

The Lac Ste. Anne band, also mostly half-breeds, before the treaty were doing pretty well, cultivating considerable patches of land near the lake and working when they could get an opportunity, but since then they have quit farming and working and gone into the business of starving and dunning the Government for grub, occasionally making threats of violence, one of which they carried out lately by shooting the farm instructor's cow.

It is high time this sort of work was put an end to. It is foolish to try to civilize a man who makes himself a savage in order to receive the benefit of this attempt at civilization. The fact of his doing so is proof positive that his intelligence is quite up to the standard, but that his moral nature is too far down to ever be reached by any argument short of main force. Let these people understand that there is nothing to be gained by being Indians and they will soon cease to claim to be such. Instead of allowing them all they ask, so that they will not stir up ill feeling among the real Indians, as has been the practice heretofore, a sharp distinction should be drawn between those who don't know how to work and can't and those who do know how but won't and when they proceed to violence, as in this cow shooting case, they should be made to feel, to its full extent, the heavy hand of the law, and when their wishes are contrary to the public benefit, as in the case of the Edmonton reserve, there is no reason why their rights as Indians—which they are not—should not be overridden by the rights of other half-breeds or whites.

It is not often that philanthropy pays as well as in the case of the Temperance Colonization Society, and it is not often that people invest in land in such a crazy manner as those who have invested in the lands of that society. It seems that the society has received or is about to receive a grant of 2,000,000 acres of land in class D from the Government, at the rate of \$1 an acre, if settled on, or \$2 if not settled on. It is not known yet where this land will be, but it is expected that it will be located somewhere on the South Branch. It has not even been explored, and unless the society is allowed to take its pick of the whole country it is liable to be to a great extent poor land. But no matter. The promoters of this brilliant scheme for which neither charter nor land has yet been granted, in order to raise a little preliminary wind, disposed of 250,000 acres at the rate of \$1.10 an acre, an advance of ten cents on the price to be actually paid to the Government. This sale went off so well that the price was raised to \$3 an acre and 150,000 acres was sold at that rate. Another raise was then made and 66,500 acres were sold at \$5 an acre. We humbly submit, that when speculation gets to such a pitch that land of which no one knows even the location can be sold for five dollars an acre, it is time to stop, and when the name of the temperance cause is used to promote wild cat schemes of land speculation, it is not to the credit of the cause. There is one consolation, however. If the land is taken along the South Branch it is safe to predict that the whole scheme will be a dead failure for the whole of the land along that river is of very little account for agricultural, or any

other purposes. There is neither wood, water nor hay back from the river, the land is either of an alkaline nature or sandy, and in ordinary seasons is too dry to produce much more than summer pasturage for cattle or horses.

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